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Welcome Walk 150 Pilgrims



Womens Walk # 150 was held March 28 through March 31, 2019, at Oak Park Retreat Center in Perkins, OK. Lay Director was Jennie Millican.

Please welcome these ladies and encourage them as they return to serve our Emmaus Community in future Pioneer Country Emmaus events.

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UPCOMING DATES

- April 2019 Gathering, Wesley UMC, 1401 NW 25th, Oklahoma City, April 13th
- Easter, April 21, 2019, so we moved the April Gathering to second Saturday instead of third Saturday.
- May 2019 Gathering, Quayle UMC, 5001 N Everest Ave, Oklahoma City, May 18th.
- June Gathering, Wesley UMC, 101 S Baker, El Reno, June 15th.
- July Gathering, Good Shepherd, 10928 SW 15th, Yukon, July 20th.
- August Gathering, Lost Creek UMC, 8002 S Washington, Stillwater, August 17th.



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Hello Pioneer Country Emmaus Community,

***** Update ****

Yay! You did it!!! You brought pilgrims to Walks 149 and 150. Now lets kick in gear and get pilgrims to the fall walks.

The Board wishes to let the community know we are stepping out in Faith that you, the community, will provide pilgrims for the 2019 spring and fall walks.

All walks for 2019 will take place.

There will be no minimum number of pilgrims required for these walks.

The community needs to step out in Faith and pray, pray, pray about your role as a sponsor and pray, pray, pray, about the pilgrims who should be on these walks.

DeColores,

Linda Edmondson

*“Faith is taking the first **step** even when you don't see the whole staircase.”
~anon*



WHAT IS FAITH?

QUESTION: What is Faith?

ANSWER:

What is faith? The writer of Hebrews gives us the biblical definition of faith by stating in [Hebrews 11:1](#), “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Also, faith is a preresiquite for hope and love, “Now these three remain-faith, hope, and love... ([1 Corinthians 13:13](#)).

So in a sense, faith is belief in something and a requirement to possess other things.

So, what must one believe in order to have biblical faith. The second half of [Luke 6:45](#) says, “...For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.” Thus, when [Romans 10:9](#) says, “That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” Thus, being saved is synonymous with having faith.

Faith is hard and does not come easily. Just like the muscles of the body, faith must be exercised to grow. You may go one inch the first day, two inches the second day, three inches the third, etc. Just like with any other activity into which you are growing, faith must be exercised every day.

As Jesus said in [Matt 17:20](#) “...if you faith as small as mustard seed...” you can accomplish amazing things for God. The seed needs to watered each day for it to grow. Seemingly, nothing happens for a very long time, but one day the seed bursts into the biggest tree in the garden.

What is service?



“We say we are the hands and feet, but there is so much more than what you see. Eyes and ears, backs and arms, and sometimes the words we speak. The things we do are not just for us, but to give glory

to the one who gives glory to us.”

Carl Callicoaat.



Where and how are you serving?



Service, defined by Merriam-Webster:

1. the occupation or function of serving in active service.
2. The work performed by one that serves good service.
3. The action of helping or doing work for someone.



Overheard at Closing

Here are just a few of the comments overheard at Walk 150 closing and shortly after...

My attitude stunk when I got here Thursday night. On Friday a song hit me, and the I experienced the Holy Spirit like never before.

I know God loves me, and now I know so many others love me too.

I will be a disciple for the Lord.

God will give me the time I need for the journey.

I will now help my family grow closer to God.

This weekend meant the world to me.

I always wanted to help bring others to Christ but didn't know how. Now I know what to do and I will do it.

This walk has been an arrow right into my heart.

I've had a tough few years, and now I see it is so easy to serve the Lord. He will light your path.

I've had a rough couple years and this walk with my table family has showed me to let go and let God.

I will re-evaluate my priorities.

I've always been the caretaker, not used to being taken care of. I am very humbled and will continue to love the Lord and be an example.

I am so glad my best friend didn't spoil it by talking about the details of the walk.

I was afraid I had screwed up too much and was beyond help.

I will never forget this weekend.

I had been on Chryalis and expected this to be similar, just a relaxed weekend. It has been so much more, so meaningful.

I will put as much love and effort into my own spiritual walk as I do for other people.

I am so happy with the Table Mate selection!

I will figure out what to do with all this information.

This walk meant breaking down barriers, building up sisters.

I will stop procrastinating and get more involved in prison ministry.

I never knew there were so many extraordinary women in the world. This has been a learning journey, and it has been fun as well.

"Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread." Luke 24:35(NRSV)

Today I come to serve. In what capacity does not matter. Whom I come to serve does not matter. How I serve is what truly matters. To serve with love and giving makes serving worth doing. Compassion and care makes service to others feel like you are serving yourself.

Carl Calliccoat

EMMAUS

The walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.

The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with the prayerful discernment and invitation from a sponsor. After one accepts this invitation they complete an application. The Emmaus leaders prayerfully consider each applicant and in God's time, the person is invited to attend a three-day experience of New Testament Christianity as a lifestyle.

Following the three-day experience, participants are joined in small groups to support each other in their ongoing walk with Christ.

HELP NEEDED

We need musicians !!!
Our monthly Gatherings always feature music, and we are having trouble getting musicians to bring that music to us each month.

Can you sing? Play piano or guitar? Have a few favorite songs you'd like to share with your Pioneer Country Emmaus family?

You would need to do a few of the standard Emmaus songs from the white worship booklet, but other than that, you'd have free license to perform whatever songs you love most.



All churches for our 2019 schedule have overhead projectors which can accommodate you, or you can bring printed paper for distribution if you'd rather do that.

If you can serve in this way, please contact Nina Lipe, Board Rep for Gatherings and Music.

Contact info for all Board



UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION, PLEASE.

We really want to get the database corrected. There is a Google Form on the PCE website to correct any address, phone number, and email changes. We will also have forms available at Gatherings for people to complete.

And, speaking of updating information, it has come to my attention the roostertales@gmail account has been inactive for several years.

New Email address:

PCEmmausNewsletter@gmail.com or send to Newsletter Board representative.

Your opinion please?

Your Pioneer Country Emmaus Board needs your input regarding monthly Gathering day/ times / format. Currently we are meeting on Saturday evenings, with a pitch in meal at social hour before Worship service. We are not seeing as many members in attendance as we would like, so we are considering a change. You may choose more than one option but if you do so, please make a comment ranking your choices. Thank you for your participation.
Linda (Newsletter Editor Board Rep)

1. Social hour 5:30-6:30, Worship time 6:30 to ??
2. Social hour 6:00-7:00, Worship time 7:00 to ??
3. Omit pitch-in meal and have only snacks at social hour.
4. Omit meal and/or snacks at beginning, and have a social hour after the worship time.
5. Revert to previous format of having pitch-in meals only quarterly instead of every month.
6. Continue with pitch-in meals the third Saturday of each month as we are doing now.
7. Meet on a different day of the week (specify day please).

We have received very few responses so far. Please take a moment and respond.

Please email your responses to PCEmmausNewsletter@gmail.com and I will compile them.

Thanks! Linda Edmondson, Newsletter Editor

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